

## WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

### Items Picked Up in a Ramble Through Jackson Park.

The Condition of the Fair a Week After the Opening—Some of the Sights That Amuse—Fakes and Fakirs.

[Special Chicago Correspondence.]

WITH the expiration of the opening week the Columbian exposition has lost much of its incompleteness, and, although there is much yet to be done, still the grounds are in such shape as to permit of a most enjoyable and profitable stroll among the great white buildings. The number of visitor per day during the week has not been large enough to crowd the grounds, and the going has been constantly improving so that the discomforts of the first day have almost entirely disappeared, and a visit to the fair is now much more pleasurable. Each day brings forth some new attractions as the exhibits are unpacked and installed and fresh features of interest are constantly being added about the grounds.

The electric fountains and search lights have been completed and are now in operation at night and the displays are perfectly dazzling. The gilded statue of the Republic and the dome of the Administration building glint in the flashing light and the whole city of white is flooded with splendor. These displays undoubtedly surpass anything of the kind ever witnessed before, and their magnificence will be one of the greatest wonders of the fair when completed. The search lights are stationed on the Agricultural building and by their aid the whole country for miles around can be illuminated. In addition to these there are many great lights which lend their brilliancy to the scene.

Those portions of the fair which still remain unfinished are now receiving the attention of a doubled force of workmen, who are putting forth every effort to bring them to completion. Day and night the work goes on almost unceasingly, one force relieving the other at regular intervals, scarcely losing a moment, so eager are the exhibitors to reach the completion of their tasks and have everything in shape as soon as possible.

The exhibits are still coming in from every direction, and as fast as they arrive they are seized upon by their owners and conveyed to their respective departments. In most of the large buildings great piles of boxes await their turn to be relieved of their contents, and as fast as they are taken away others arrive to take their places.

When one views the immensity of space that is to be covered by the exhibits of all kinds it seems an interminable task to fill it, and it hardly seems possible to get things arranged within the time allowed for the completion of exhibits; but, judging from what has already been accomplished, but little further time will be needed to finish the work of installation.

There is just about as much to interest one in viewing the people at work at the fair as there would be were it all finished. When it is all done there will be the display of products, curios, etc., but at present there is much to be learned in the different methods of doing things in vogue among the various nations. It has been said by a great many of the early visitors at the fair that they wouldn't have missed seeing the buildings in process of construction for anything, and truly there were wonders performed in the line of architectural magnificence.

Besides the electric light displays at night there is another big attraction in the grand musical concerts which are furnished by the exposition band. An elaborate programme is prepared each day and some of the numbers are fairly entrancing. The band occupies a large pavilion in the grand plaza east of the Administration building, and when it is performing the surrounding space is usually black with people. Among the members of the band are some of the best musicians in their respective lines in the country, and their director, Prof. Liesegang, is an acknowledged leader among the musicians of Chicago.

In a stroll about the fair grounds there are many sights to be seen that are extremely amusing. To behold a diminutive specimen of manhood, with spectacles on his nose, all bowed up behind one of those trundling chairs, trying to propel a two-hundred-pound woman with near-sighted eyes and an irascible temper is something well calculated to stir up pity in the bosom of a professional executioner. And when the ground was wet and soft and the

crowds were thick the guides who engineered those man-killing wheel-chairs were indeed fit subjects for commiseration.

At lunch time there is a general parade of baskets and boxes, and there is a wholesale scramble for sequestered nooks wherein to discuss their contents. Since the knowledge became general that extortion was being practiced in some quarters a flourishing business has been done by the lunch stands outside the fair grounds. Many of the visitors also come provided with all the comforts of home in the shape of eatables. Some who do not care to be seen carrying lunch boxes may be observed about noon-time to quietly

steer for corners remote from the throng, and when they think no one is looking reach into their inside pockets and draw forth adult-sized sandwiches which they speedily dispatch and resume their tour of sight-seeing.

There will soon be a better outlook for provender, however, for the rigid investigation of the fair officials into cases of extortion has put the restaurateurs on their good behavior, and the action of the people in boycotting the restaurants has had a salutary effect, so that the difficulty some have experienced in obtaining creature comforts at moderate prices will soon be overcome and it will be no longer necessary to load one's self down with food or transform one's self into a perambulating commissary when contemplating a visit to the world's fair.

Those gay and festive gondoliers, about whom there has been so much talk, are now busily plying their oars about the lagoon. As their boats skim along with their bright colored streamers trailing in the water behind them and their gaudy hangings fluttering in the breeze they remind one of the pictures of Venice in the art galleries. These sunburned sons of Italy are gathering in American coin at a great rate, for the gondola has become very popular with pleasure seekers from all lands.

Among the most novel modes of conveyance at the fair is the sedan chair, which is fast growing in favor among young women of an aesthetic turn of mind. It takes two strong Turks to handle one of these oriental carriages, and now that the weather is getting warm the exertion makes them perspire very freely. Occasionally some young man with a taste for luxury will engage one of the chairs, and as he is jogged along he will sportively stick his feet out of the windows and assume an air of utter languor for the express benefit of those who are trudging along on foot. Such a scene never fails to create a great deal of fun, and everybody joins in the laugh. Good nature seems to possess everybody who visits the fair.

Outside of the fair grounds the fakirs and peddlers fairly swarm, and the din they keep up in calling their wares and attractions is enough to ruin an ear trumpet. Everything in the shape of souvenirs is there in great profusion, badges, books and what-not. Here the popcorn man hurls up his corn and hawks his himself hoarse trying to sell it. There the man with a guide book

deftly flirts his accordion-like publication under your nose and in stentorian tones invites you to part with your hard-earned ducats. These are of a harmless order, and should you patronize them you will get some value for your money, but there are those who will fleece and rob you at the slightest opportunity. Light-fingered gentry are scattered through the crowds, and unless a good watch is kept up for them they are apt to get familiar with a person's valuables on very short notice. There are also innumerable side-show attractions and "fake" enterprises to separate the unwary stranger from his money. The oleaginous individual with a tough mug and uproarious apparel warbles his seductive tale of wonders to be seen in some two-by-four stall or wagon, and all for "the small sum of a quarter of a dollar, twenty-five cents, two dimes and a nickel." They are all running what they call a "suckers' game," and any money invested with them is simply a purchase of superfluous and unprofitable experience.

**SPECIAL DAYS IN THE BIG SHOW.**  
So far as possible States will get the Dates They Ask For.

The first state and society days at the fair were booked recently by the ceremonies committee. These special days are expected to greatly increase the attendance at the exposition, as they will be made the occasion of reunions of various kinds. Such days proved to be very popular at the centennial. The first day assigned is May 17, when visitors from the state of Washington will swoop down on the grounds and have things their own way. Maine folks are coming on June 2, and on July 26 the commercial travelers of the United States will take possession of the grounds. Utah day is July 24. Wisconsin will rally at the park on May 23. The Independent Order of Foresters chose August 12 and the Colored Peoples' association August 17. North Carolinians are coming August 31. The New York crowd will be here September 4. Colorado comes five days later. Kansas has asked for two days, September 15 and 16. Nevada asked for October 31, doubtless ignorant of the fact that the exposition closes the day previous.

Secretary Culp, of the ceremonies committee, says this is only the beginning of the assignment of special days. "We have received many letters on the subject," he said, "in which inquiry was made in regard to the days that could be secured by states and societies. At present it is difficult to make assignments for the reason that the applicants do not say in all cases the days they desire. Naturally we will endeavor to give them the days they want, for the state boards are supposed to know at what period of the exposition they can bring the most people to the fair. All of them are anxious to make the biggest showing possible for their states, and we will help them in any manner possible."

**EXQUISITE WAX FLOWERS.**  
The Work of a Self-Educated Farmer's Daughter.  
A bit of work of which the ladies in charge of woman's work in the Illinois building are particularly proud is a case of wax flowers of exquisite workmanship, although the grouping is by no means artistic. It is the work of a young girl in Williamson county, whose opportunity for any development of love of the beautiful has been exceedingly limited. Her life has been passed upon a farm and her time has been filled with the arduous duties which are the lot of a farmer's daughter of the poorer class. Only once did she ever see any formation of wax flowers by anyone else, but that once did for her what months of training often fails to accomplish for many of her more fortunate sisters. The material used is the refuse wax from the comb, heated and bleached by herself, while the coloring is done with rough paints. The tools used are a penknife and hairpin. The result is marvelous. Lilies of the valley, fuchsias, daisies, honeysuckles and roses attest the delicacy of touch and love of the beautiful—nature's rare gift to this humble farm girl.

**REFUSED PASSES.**  
Papers That Have Maligned the Exposition Unknowingly Reject Courtesy.  
The papers that have been for the last two years maligning Chicago and the world's fair have learned that for once they have been checkedmate. The papers that exhibited the most malignant spirit have been the ones to make the first demands upon Maj. Handy for passes. Their requests would probably have been granted had common civility been displayed; as it is they may be compelled to spend their money at the exposition gates.

Maj. Handy's department has for many months been sending all over the country a mass of descriptive matter concerning the fair. This matter has invariably been refused by the papers that have opposed the fair, and the envelopes have been returned unopened. When the notifications concerning passes were sent out, Maj. Handy directed that they be inclosed in the same sort of envelopes used for the tissue. The ruse worked well, and as a result probably a dozen papers have cut themselves off from passes.

The world's fair will indulge in an electric star at night. Calculations and experiments have shown that the bright particular electric star will throw its rays to a distance of 100 miles, many times the extent of power possessed by any other light, ancient or modern. Throwing its enormous concentration of 300,000,000-candle-power light from a height of 250 feet on the roof of the Manufacturers building, the big lamp will shed a dazzling path of light in all directions.

Two GIDDY young men were strolling through Midway Plaisance the other day, when they saw a Turk a short distance ahead of them. "Do you see the Turk?" said one of them. "I am going to have some fun with him." So presently he said to the Turk: "Well, old Fezz, how's your liver?" And the Turk replied, in perfectly good English: "Much better than your manners, sir."

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